GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1520
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2002
TENDER INVITED BY KENDRIYA BHANDAR
ARUN KUMAR;RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Bhandar invited a limited tender for the purchase of tubelights and bulbs, to get most competitive prices but the same was thrown open to unregistered firms also without notice in the newspapers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the tender was finalized in favour of the lowest bidder of Rs. 32.75 but their supplies were later on discontinued without giving any reasons in writing and started purchasing some other tubelight at higher rate;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any conditions were prescribed in the tender that can lead to discontinuation of supplies; and whether any of those conditions were violated by the lowest bidder; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/propose to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b): Limited tender was invited for the supplies of bulbs and tubelights from existing registered and other reputed suppliers as per provisions of the purchase policy. Since tender issued was limited tender, hence question of publishing tender notice in newspaper does not arise.

(c)&(d): The rates were approved not only for lowest ECE brand @ Rs.32.75 to be supplied through M/s Tayal Agencies but also for Philips, Wipro and Crompton Greaves etc. as Kendriya Bhandar usually stocks more than one brand and supplies the brand preferred by the consumers. If the consumer does not give any preference, the lowest cost brand is supplied.

The supplies of bulbs and tubelights from M/s Tayal Agencies have been suspended as a large number of complaints are being investigated against this firm which includes providing a false address and an attempt to defraud Kendriya Bhandar by placing a sticker of higher MRP on a supply of Milton jugs. The registration of M/s Tayal Agencies with Kendriya Bhandar has also been suspended. However, to provide ECE brand of tubelight and bulbs to the customers, the manufacturer of ECE brand tubelight and bulbs have been approached for direct supply. Response from manufacturer is awaited.

(e): The discontinuation of supplies through M/s Tayal Agencies were due to the reasons mentioned in reply to (c) & (d) above. For such action no specific provision in tender conditions is required to be made.

(f): In view of (e) above, question does not arise.